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In re New DIVISIONAL Patent Application of:)
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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR)
CALCIUM FLUORIDE AND CALCIUM)
FLOURIDE FOR PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY)

Group Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: B. Tran

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. The relevance of both of the cited non-English documents can be understood from their respectively attached English abstracts and translations.



Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.


This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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